Per-capita income in Andhra Pradesh

2704. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per-capita income in Andhra Pradesh and how does it compare with the average per-captia income at the national level; and

(b) the steps taken Government to bring the per-capita income of Andhra Pradesh at par with national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHORIE): (a) As per the latest available information the per capita income in Andhra Pradesh, measured by per capita Net State Domestic Product at current prices was Rs. 14715 in the year 1999-2000. Against this, the national per capita income, measured by per capita Net National Product (factor cost) at current prices was Rs. 16047 in 1999-2000.

(b) Certain regions in the Country are not keeping up with the overall growth process. The primary reasons for this relate to the quality of governance, and the resulting inability to take advantage of the opportunities that become available. Balanced regional development has always been an essential component of the Indian development strategy. Since not all parts of the country are equally well endowed to take advantage of growth opportunities, and since historical inequalities have not been eliminated, planned intervention is required. The Ninth Five Year Plan envisages to ensure improved opportunity for public and private investment through appropriate policy measures in favour of the weaker States and focuses on specific aspects of social and physical infrastructure, agriculture, information technology and water policy, for which Special Action Plans have been evolved with time bound targets, actionable strategies and adequate resources.

Stabilizing country's population

2705. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a panel of the National Commission on Population has recently asked the State Governments for their action plans towards meeting the objectives of stabilizing the country's population by 2045;

(b) what were the decisions taken during the interaction; and

(c) whether the gap of four and a half decades would not be dilly- dallying tactics to achieve the noble objective of family planning which has proved a stumbling block in multifarious progress of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHORIE): (a) to (c) After the adoption of National Population Policy 2000, the

long-term objective of which is to achieve a stable population by 2045, the National Commission on Population requested the States to formulate State Population Policies to effectively deal with various issues relating to population stabilization in each State. In view of the wide inter-State and intra-State differences, the States were also advised to prepare District Action Plans for the identified high fertility districts for improving the socio-economic and demographic indicators affecting population growth. Following this, many States have formulated their population policies and some others are in the process of doing so. There is a general commitment on the part of all State Governments to implement necessary policies and programmes for early population stabilization.

Annual plan for Assam

2706. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Annual Plan for 2001-2002 with respect to Assam has been finalized;

(b) if so, the total outlay and the targets of economic growth, agriculture and industrial growth fixed thereunder; and

(c) the allocations for social and economic infrastructure, including health, education, roads, power and environment and forests contemplated thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHORIE): (a) to (c) The Annual Plan of Assam for 2001-02 has been finalized at a meeting between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the Chief Minister, Assam on 22-6-2001. The total outlay has been fixed at Rs. 1710 crores. The State Government has been requested to submit the proposed Sectoral Outlays. These will be finalized after they are received from the State Government.

Non-lapsable fund to N.E. States

2707. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of non-lapsable fund allotted to the North Eastern States; State-wise since its inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Central departments are not releasing their ten percent non-lapsable fund to the pool; and

(c) whether these non-lapsabe funds are released through North- Eastern Council, whether there is any link of this fund with the North-Eastern Councils fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Till date, an amount of Rs. 951.07 crores has been released from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the various projects in the North East and Sikkim since its operationalisation during the financial year 1998-99. Details are as follows:—